



**Chief's Update  
September 30, 2014**

Dear Tempe Police Employees,

Thank you to all the Tempe Police employees who came out in force last Friday, helping out the Tempe Centers for Habilitation (TCH) by painting one of their residential facilities. Many of you are familiar with the Tempe Centers for Habilitation and their mission since 1967 to provide services for "children and adults with developmental and physical disabilities, to improve the quality of life, alleviate barriers to independence, and help Arizonans of all ages to reach their full potential." <http://www.tch-az.com/>

Tempe Police Foundation generously donated the paint and our Chiefs, Command Staff and Management Team painted the entire inside of the home. Connecting with community on and off the job, is one of the main reasons many of us became involved with law enforcement and government service in the first place – to help others. Building strong relationships with individuals and groups in our community has always been among my highest priorities. Why? Because it is the right thing to do, and because the strength of these relationships directly impacts officer safety and our ability to fight crime. As dedicated and capable as the employees of Tempe Police Department are - no police organization can effectively serve and protect without the assistance, support, partnership – and trust – of those we serve.

To those who volunteered on this project, thank you! And sincere appreciation to all employees for your positive contacts with community members on every shift, during the course of a call for service, on a lunch break, or at a community event. Your efforts, kindness, patience and determination to provide the highest level of service and treat everyone we come into contact with respect do not go unnoticed by residents, from whom we continue to earn and enjoy great support. Collectively we continue to make a tremendous impact on the quality of life and safety in Tempe!

Stay safe,

Tom Ryff  
Chief of Police

